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I very strongly urge that the requirements for prior authorization for smoking cessation medications be completely eliminated. The need for prior authorization is a harmful roadblock which:

- Wastes the valuable time of clinicians
- Creates unnecessary barriers for patients seeking help
- Provides absolutely no benefits – it does not increase the safety or efficacy for the patient.

Please eliminate these harmful requirements. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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